

1. Introduction

**Welcome to the Weeping Water, Nebraska Comprehensive Plan survey!**

**Please take the time necessary to answer the following questions. These questions will assist in developing the new Comprehensive Plan. All answers are anonymous and cannot be traced back to you. We ask that you only answer the survey once. It is anticipated to take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete the entire survey. If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Keith at [kmarvin@marvinplanning.com](mailto:kmarvin@marvinplanning.com) or Mason at [mherrman@marvinplanning.com](mailto:mherrman@marvinplanning.com). Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important to us and this project!**

2. General Information

1. How long have you lived in Weeping Water?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- 16 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- 31 years to 40 years
- 41 years to 50 years
- 50+ years
- I don't live in Weeping Water

2. Please tell us your age range.

- Under 18 years
- 18 to 19 years
- 20 to 24 years
- 25 to 29 years
- 30 to 34 years
- 35 to 39 years
- 40 to 44 years
- 45 to 54 years
- 55 to 64 years
- 65 to 74 years
- 75 to 84 years
- 85 and over

3. Please tell us how many children you have.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

4. What age/grade level are your children?

- Daycare/Preschool
- K-5
- 6-8
- 9-12
- College
- Grown (adult)

5. My children live:

- At home
- At school/College
- Grown - Living in Weeping Water
- Grown - Living in Nebraska
- Grown - Living out-of-state

6. Education choice for my children:

- Public
- Private
- At home
- N/A
- Other (please specify)

7. Employment:

- Employed Full-Time
- Employed Part-Time
- Self-Employed
- Home Maker
- Unemployed
- Retired

8. Which of the following industries is your primary income? The following are based upon US Census categories.

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Transportation and warehousing and utilities
- Information
- Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing
- Other (please specify)
- Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management
- Educational, health, and social services
- Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services
- Other services (except public administration)
- Public administration
- Retired
- Disabled

9. How far is your commute to work?

- Work from home (telecommute)
- Work at home
- Less than 10 minutes
- 10 to 14 minutes
- 15 to 19 minutes
- Other (please specify)
- 20 to 29 minutes
- 30 to 44 minutes
- 45 to 59 minutes
- 60 minutes or more
- Retired

10. Highest level of education completed?

- Grade/Middle School
- High School
- GED
- Community/Technical/Vocational
- 4-year College/University
- Graduate/Advanced Degree

11. What brought you to Weeping Water?

- Family
- Work
- Retirement
- Other (please specify)
- Retirement and family
- Always lived here

12. All of us have different experiences with where we live. We want to know how YOU feel about Weeping Water. Is Weeping Water a quality place to live?

- Very high quality
- High quality
- Neither high nor low quality
- Other (please specify)
- Low quality
- Very low quality

13. I plan to retire in Weeping Water.

- Yes
- No

14. I am confident in Weeping Water's future.

Yes

No

3. Agree or Disagree

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. Your answers will help determine the goals and priorities for Weeping Water's next comprehensive plan. The following topics are included below: economic development, housing, quality of life, visual appeal, energy & resource conservation, recreation/entertainment, and funding and taxes. Please mark/circle "No Opinion/Not Sure" when the statement is inapplicable to you. This is the longest portion of the survey. It continues on the next page. To make this as quick as possible, your gut instinct should be satisfactory; you do not need to spend extra time thinking about each answer. Part 3 should take about 10 minutes to complete.

15. Please answer the following questions as indicated above

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
If I had the means, I would start or invest in a small, local business.	<input type="radio"/>				
Commercial real estate is over-priced in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is too hard for small businesses to survive here.	<input type="radio"/>				
Weeping Water should offer tax incentives to fill vacant buildings downtown.	<input type="radio"/>				
Weeping Water's history and architecture should be preserved.	<input type="radio"/>				
Old buildings and houses should be cleaned up or torn down.	<input type="radio"/>				
New business should be along the highway corridor instead of downtown.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should keep all new business development within city limits.	<input type="radio"/>				
The entrances to towns in Weeping Water are attractive.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would pay extra taxes for improvements to downtown.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should focus on developing technology and energy resources.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wind farms will strengthen our economy.	<input type="radio"/>				
Solar farms will strengthen our economy.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wind farms can be attractive.	<input type="radio"/>				
Solar farms can be attractive.	<input type="radio"/>				
I think large wind mills would ruin my view of the landscape.	<input type="radio"/>				
I think large solar farms would ruin my view of the landscape.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wind energy will help us protect other natural resources in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
Solar energy will help us protect other natural resources in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
New or expanded manufacturing or assembly plants will bring the kind of jobs we need.	<input type="radio"/>				
There is a strong, available workforce in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should be more proactive in supporting existing industries and businesses in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are enough part-time jobs for high-school students.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
High school kids travel too far for entertainment and jobs.	<input type="radio"/>				
Middle school kids don't have anything to do with their free time.	<input type="radio"/>				
There should be more places where kids can hang out with their friends.	<input type="radio"/>				
Weeping Water has a variety of housing options.	<input type="radio"/>				
Real estate and rental rates are less expensive than for surrounding communities.	<input type="radio"/>				
Public housing is adequate for Weeping Water's needs.	<input type="radio"/>				
Most homes in Weeping Water are in good condition.	<input type="radio"/>				
New housing should be located next to the corporate limits and connected to existing services.	<input type="radio"/>				
More affordable housing is needed for young families.	<input type="radio"/>				
Older adults need more housing and assisted living facilities.	<input type="radio"/>				
There needs to be more apartments, town homes, or duplexes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Enough homes are for sale in the \$80,000 to \$150,000 price range.	<input type="radio"/>				
I would buy a condominium or town home if I could afford one.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
New housing developments should be spread throughout the city.	<input type="radio"/>				
There is enough rental property in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
Overall, homes in Weeping Water have an above average appearance.	<input type="radio"/>				
I would support a program to strengthen community pride and appearance.	<input type="radio"/>				
City roads are in good condition.	<input type="radio"/>				
I would support a program to repair/clean-up homes and lawns.	<input type="radio"/>				
Developers should pay for new water lines and other infrastructure.	<input type="radio"/>				
Developers should be allowed to build residential subdivisions in rural areas.	<input type="radio"/>				
Developers should be required to enhance roads and bridges.	<input type="radio"/>				
Developers should be required to locate next to the corporate limits and connect to existing services.	<input type="radio"/>				
I would be willing to pay an additional tax for city road improvements.	<input type="radio"/>				
Police, EMS, and fire protection are adequate.	<input type="radio"/>				
I receive good health care locally.	<input type="radio"/>				
Good dental care is available in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel that adequate senior services are available.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel that adequate senior services are affordable.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel that adequate child care is available.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel that adequate child care is affordable.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are adequate after-school programs available.	<input type="radio"/>				
Good quality education is available in Weeping Water's schools.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are not enough teachers in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are plenty of extracurricular activities and events for kids.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are adequate adults and senior citizens activities.	<input type="radio"/>				
I often use the community center and/or walk-n-bike paths, tracks, or trails.	<input type="radio"/>				
There are not enough places to exercise, or they are too far away.	<input type="radio"/>				
Outdoor recreation options are limited in Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to preserve and share Weeping Water history.	<input type="radio"/>				
Prairie is an important resource for the future of Weeping Water.	<input type="radio"/>				
The future of Weeping Water is more important than preserving its history.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Retaining youth is the key to Weeping Water's future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retaining current business is key to Weeping Water's economic survival.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recruiting new business should be a priority for the City.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Existing business districts should be revitalized.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth and development should be carefully managed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We should partner with neighboring communities for the future of our region.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, Weeping Water is a good place to live.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weeping Water has a likable rural and small town atmosphere.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are adequate cultural opportunities, events, and activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local government officials are responsive to community needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Consumer Habits

Please show how far you generally travel to perform the following tasks by selecting the location nearest to the activity. Please leave blank if there are no applicable locations. Section 4 should only take a few minutes.

16. Please tell us where the majority of the following activities take place.

	Weeping		Nebraska							On-line/ Internet	Out-of- State
	Water	Omaha	Lincoln	City	Plattsmouth	Gretna	Waverly	Ashland	Syracuse		
Entertainment (such as movies, miniature golf, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
Outdoor recreation (such as hunting, hiking, boating, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
Outdoor exercise (such as walking, running, biking, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
To play sports (such as basketball, tennis, golf, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
Indoor exercise (such as walking, aerobics, weights, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
Swimming (outdoor or indoor)	<input type="radio"/>										
Cultural events (such as theater, concerts, museums, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>										
Festivals and fairs	<input type="radio"/>										
Grocery shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Furniture shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Clothes shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Vehicle shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Farm equipment shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Antiques shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Gas / Convenience items shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Hardware / Lumber shopping	<input type="radio"/>										

	Weeping		Nebraska							On-line/	Out-of-
	Water	Omaha	Lincoln	City	Plattsmouth	Gretna	Waverly	Ashland	Syracuse	Internet	State
Other shopping	<input type="radio"/>										
Movie rentals	<input type="radio"/>										
Dining out (fast food)	<input type="radio"/>										
Dining out (with sit-down service)	<input type="radio"/>										
Community clubs or groups	<input type="radio"/>										

5. Goods and Services

17. Which of the following services and/or businesses should be the focus of economic development activities in the future?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Less important	Not important
Daycare - children	<input type="radio"/>				
Daycare - adults	<input type="radio"/>				
Grocery store	<input type="radio"/>				
Banking	<input type="radio"/>				
Tech support - computers	<input type="radio"/>				
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>				
Arts and culture	<input type="radio"/>				
Main street retail	<input type="radio"/>				
Restaurants	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
More jobs	<input type="radio"/>				
Youth retention	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior housing - including assisted living	<input type="radio"/>				
Healthcare	<input type="radio"/>				
Better broadband	<input type="radio"/>				

18. Access to quality goods and services is important. How available are these to you?

	Very available	Available	Neutral	Less available	Not available	N/A
Daycare - children	<input type="radio"/>					
Daycare - adult	<input type="radio"/>					
Grocery store	<input type="radio"/>					
Banking	<input type="radio"/>					
Tech support - computers	<input type="radio"/>					
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>					
Arts and crafts	<input type="radio"/>					
Nursing home facilities	<input type="radio"/>					
Assisted living facilities	<input type="radio"/>					
Meals on wheels	<input type="radio"/>					
Senior services	<input type="radio"/>					
Main street retail	<input type="radio"/>					
Restaurants	<input type="radio"/>					
Healthcare facilities	<input type="radio"/>					
Recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>					
Agricultural support (such as dealerships, parts, and repair)	<input type="radio"/>					

19. What is / will be your plan for retirement?

- Stay in Weeping Water
- Seek a nearby location
- Stay in Nebraska
- Move to another state
- Other
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

20. In regard to economic development, the City should concentrate efforts in which area? (1) Highest to (5) Lowest preference.

	1	2	3	4	5
Manufacturing / Assembly	<input type="radio"/>				
Mining	<input type="radio"/>				
Technology	<input type="radio"/>				
Retail and Wholesale Trade	<input type="radio"/>				
Energy	<input type="radio"/>				
Agriculture	<input type="radio"/>				
Other	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

21. Please rate the following governmental entities.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Improvement needed	Poor	NA
City Council	<input type="radio"/>					
Clerk's office	<input type="radio"/>					
Attorney's office	<input type="radio"/>					
Planning & Zoning	<input type="radio"/>					
Code Compliance	<input type="radio"/>					
Mayor	<input type="radio"/>					
Local Fire Department	<input type="radio"/>					
City Law Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>					
Elementary education	<input type="radio"/>					
Secondary education	<input type="radio"/>					
Senior services	<input type="radio"/>					

Other (please specify)

6. Brief answers

**Finally, we would like to give you the opportunity to write in some of your own answers/comments in relation to Weeping Water. Please be brief, concise, and legible. Please print if you need to. This final section should only take a couple of minutes. Thank you for your participation in this survey!**

22. List the **one** most important quality of Weeping Water that must be preserved.

23. List the **one** thing that most needs to be changed about Weeping Water.

24. What makes Weeping Water a comfortable place to live?

25. What's your big idea for the future of Weeping Water? The Comprehensive Plan update offers us an opportunity to envision the future of Weeping Water. Submit your "Big Ideas" for the future by using the comment feature to share your thoughts.'

26. What is your vision for Weeping Water? Share your vision for the short- and long-term improvements that will make your community better in 2042.

27. What type(s) of outdoor recreation are most important to you?

7. Thank you taking the Survey!